

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, 5 through 9, and 20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 10, 11, and 16 through 19 to read, as follows.

1. **(Cancelled)**

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Cancelled)**

6. **(Cancelled)**

7. **(Cancelled)**

8. **(Cancelled)**

9. **(Cancelled)**

10. **(Currently Amended)** A developing device comprising:

a developer bearing member; and

a developer container containing for containing a developer, said developer container including a developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer containing portion,

wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover,

wherein said containing portion includes comprises a rib disposed in a direction intersecting said partition member member, and wherein ~~said partition member comprises~~ a groove disposed in a direction so as to avoid intersecting said rib.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A developing device according to Claim 10, wherein said partition member divides the interior of said developer containing portion into said plurality of rooms except for a gap through, through which allows the developer to pass among said plurality of rooms passes.

12. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein said partition member is formed as a plate in parallel with said developer bearing member.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 12, wherein a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said plurality of rooms.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 12, wherein said developing device is detachably attachable to an image forming apparatus for forming an image on a recording material.

15. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 14, wherein said developing device and an image bearing member for bearing an image are formed into an integral unit.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge detachably attachable to a main body of an image forming apparatus, said process cartridge comprising:

a photosensitive drum; and

a developing device for developing a latent image formed forming on said photosensitive drum, said developing device comprising:
a developer bearing member; and
a developer container for containing a developer, said developer container including a developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer containing portion,

wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover, ~~said partition member is disposed in parallel with a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member and extended to form a gap between said partition member and a bottom surface of said developer containing portion throughout an entire length of said developer containing portion in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member~~

wherein said containing portion includes a rib disposed in a direction intersecting
said partition member and a groove disposed in a direction so as to avoid intersecting said
rib.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein
said partition member divides the interior of said developer containing portion into said
plurality of rooms except for a gap through, which allows the developer to pass among said
plurality of rooms bottom surfaces of said plurality of rooms have an arcuate shape.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge according to Claim 16 or 17,
wherein said partition member is formed as a plate in parallel with said developer bearing
member a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively
provided in said plurality of rooms.

19. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge according to Claim 16, 17, or 18,
wherein a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively
provided in said plurality of rooms said containing portion comprises a rib disposed in a
direction intersecting said partition member.

20. **(Canceled)**